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DRAFTED BY SER/INC:MEWAMPLER:JCG:S/NM:SCT
APPROVED BY S/NM:SHELDON B. VANCE
S/NM:RADUGSTAD (PHONE)
ARA/LA/NC:DWCOX (INFO)
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S/NM:CBUCK (INFO)
DEA:WPLASE (INFO)
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R 191745Z DEC 75
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 299091

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:SNAR, CO

SUBJECT: OPERATION KITCHEN

REFERENCE: (A) BOGOTA 11744, (B) STATE 289276

FOR AMBASSADOR VAKY FROM AMBASSADOR VANCE

1. IN FURTHER RESPONSE TO REF. A, WE BELIEVE YOU MAY NOT HAVE BEEN FULLY BRIEFED ON BACKGROUND.

2. NO PROCUREMENT ACTION WAS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO THE SIGNATURE OF THE PROAG OBLIGATING THE FUNDING. INASMUCH AS MISSION DID NOT ADVISE OF PROAG SIGNING ALL ACTION HAD TO AWAIT RECEIPT OF THAT DOCUMENT IN WASHINGTON IN MID-NOVEMBER. DESPITE THIS DELAY AND FACT NORMAL PROCUREMENT OF CRYSTALS AND SPARE PARTS REQUIRES APPROXIATELY 90 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER BY MANUFACTURER, SER/INC ABLE TO
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ARRANGE DELIVERY ON EXPEDITED BASIS. THE CRYSTALS WERE IN

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FACT HANDCARRIED TO SER/INC BY MANUFACTURER ON DECEMBER 2
AND DISPATCHED BY STATE DEPARTMENT FACILITIESDECEMBER 3.
BALANCE OF SPARE PARTS DEPARTED FACTORY DECEMBER 8 FOR
WASHINGTON AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO COLOMBIA IMMEDIATELY
UPON ARRIVAL. FYI: VICE PRESIDENT OF FIRM IN WASHINGTON
HAS PROMISED TO FLY PERSONALLY TO CHICAGO TO OBTAIN DUPLI-
CATES IF NOT RECEIVED WASHINGTON BY DECEMBER 13. END FYI.

2. UNDER ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES BELIEVE OPERATION KITCHEN
HAS RECEIVED EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE.

3. FOR CLARITY'S SAKE ALSO WISH TO POINT OUT THERE APPAR-
ENTLY BREAKDOWN IN COMMUNICATIONS. "REPEATED REQUESTS"
CITED REFTEL NOT RECEIVED HERE. IF YOU WILL PROVIDE
MESSAGE NUMBERS, WE WILL ASCERTAIN WHY MISSION RECEIVED NO
RESPONSE. KISSINGER

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